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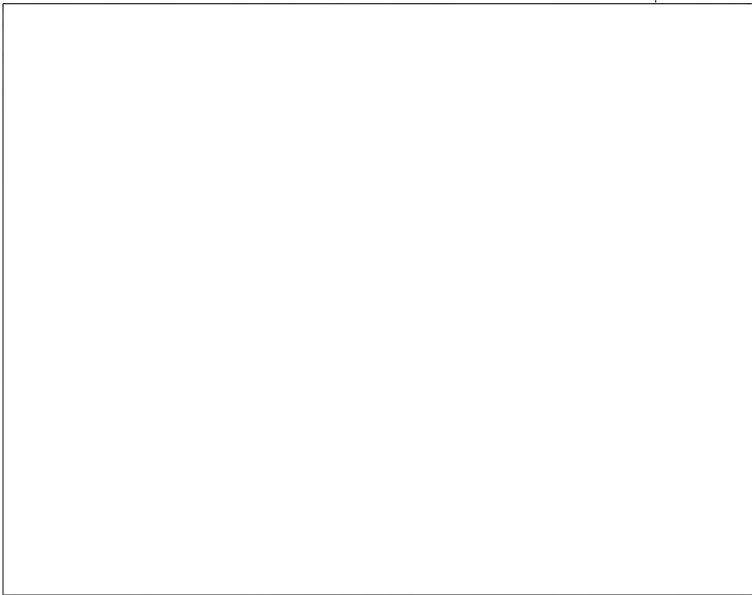
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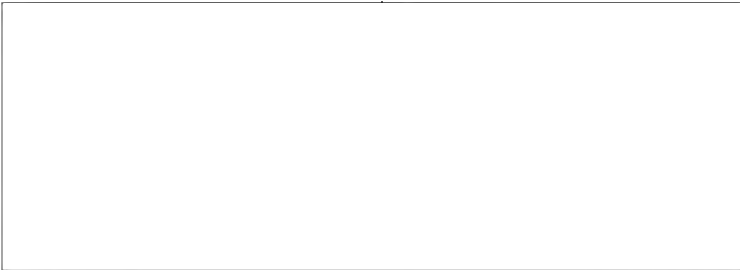
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c. There was little action on the ground yesterday. Kong Le's neutralists hold the western and northern slopes of Phou Kout while the Communists occupy the eastern. This hill has marked the "front" for the past fortnight.

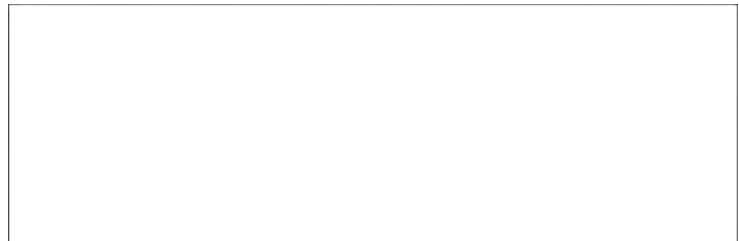
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e. The Asian Communists continue to clamor for a 14-nation conference instead of the more narrow meeting favored by Poland and the USSR. A Pathet Lao spokesman asserted that "any other meetings" will solve nothing. Both Hanoi and Peiping have echoed this.

f. For its part, Peiping, in an official statement today, clearly implied that the USSR, as well as Great Britain, had overstepped the terms of reference of the co-chairmen of the Geneva Conference.



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2. Cyprus

a. Though the threat of Turkish intervention seems to have evaporated for the moment, the Greek Cypriots are still jumpy, especially in the west.

b. Not only have they been building up their forces in this part of the island, but yesterday they had "women, children, and old people" hard at work digging trenches.

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c. The Turkish Cypriots have a wary eye on this, fearing it could be a prelude to some new attack by the Greek Cypriots. In this connection Gyani says he is worried about the short-term implications of the import by the Greek Cypriots of small arms.

d. Butler, in discussing Cyprus with Ball, said he has come to believe that some form of union with Greece would be the best bet for placing the situation in responsible hands and preventing the emergence of another Cuba.

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The prime minister [REDACTED] told Ambassador Hare that he did not want the US to get the idea he was always easy to deal with.

f. A political storm is blowing up in Turkey over this matter. The press has been giving Inonu a rough ride on the subject. [REDACTED]

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3. Congo

a. The Kivu rebels, twice repulsed in their attempt to advance on Bukavu via Rwanda, have made no further move toward the Kivu capital.

b. They may be waiting for the situation there to ripen. Already, we hear, the Lumumba flag, which is affected by the insurgents, is being flown in some quarters of Bukavu.

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c. The loss of the city would be a body blow to the Adoula government. For one thing, it would confirm doubts already held about Adoula's leadership and set off another scramble for an alternative.

d. Both the Nigerians and the Tunisians are equivocating on the Congolese request for troops once the UN force leaves late this month.

4. USSR - East
Germany

a. We have learned that the USSR plans to announce shortly that it is withdrawing 20,000 Soviet troops from East Germany.

b. Such a gesture at this time might well recommend itself to Khrushchev and his confreres. It could be expected to have considerable propaganda impact while causing only a negligible weakening of the Group of Soviet Forces in Germany, the strength of which would still run well over 300,000.

c. The announcement would provide a fitting capstone to the current Ulbricht visit.

d. Some new move on Berlin could also come out of this visit. Ulbricht was joined in Moscow late last week by his "Berlin expert," Deputy Foreign Minister Otto Winzer.

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5. Malaysia-
Indonesia

a. The Tunku yesterday indicated that he was ready to go to Tokyo next week for a summit meeting,

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b. Not surprisingly, Djakarta and Kuala Lumpur are still far apart on this. The Indonesians want the Thais to set up shop inside their territory five miles from the border. This is not acceptable to the Malaysians because the Indonesians could parade troops through the checkpoints without actually bringing any out of Malaysia.

c. Even if arrangements acceptable to both sides can be worked out, the Tunku may find it difficult to go to Tokyo since the word is out that the Indonesians, after a brief lull, are again running guerrillas into Malaysian Borneo.

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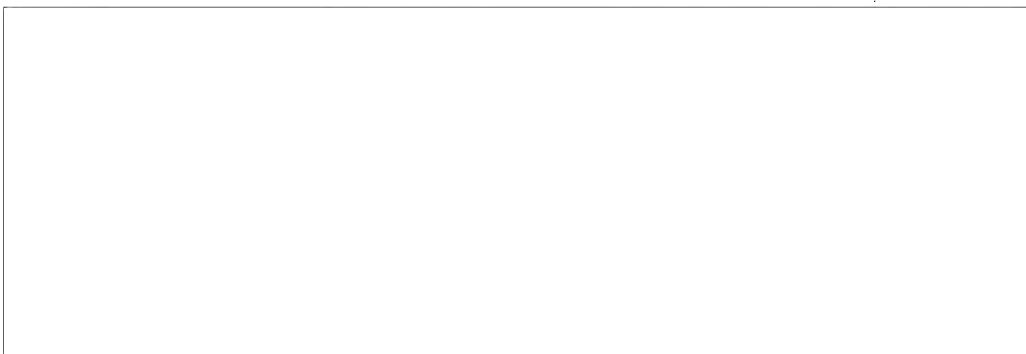
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A. USSR-Cuba Up to 1,500 passengers have departed Cuba for the USSR on five Soviet ships since May Day. Five more ships are en route [redacted] to make the run to Cuba over the next four weeks. [redacted]

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B. USSR-Yugoslavia Tito left for home this morning after his brief visit with Khrushchev in Leningrad. The unrevealing communiqué indicated general agreement on international problems and referred explicitly to the need to "overcome the difficulties which have arisen in the world Communist system."

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D. Communist China - Tanganyika The Tanganyikans have come up with a new scheme to reduce their problems in Zanzibar. They have shipped Babu off on an economic mission to Communist China. The union itself was pushed through in an earlier Babu absence and the Tanganyikans probably hope that they can use this one to build up their position in Zanzibar.

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E. Egypt-Sudan

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Nasir is at work throughout East Africa trying to establish governments more responsive to his prodding.

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F. Italy The political crisis which threatened to blow up this week appears to have passed. The Nenni Socialists are saying they are "fully satisfied" with the Christian Democratic Party's reaffirmation of its commitment to reform. The center-left coalition still has to contend, however, with the opposition of Christian Democratic right-wingers, who oppose any reforms at all, and the many Socialists who fear that there will be no reforms in the end.

G. Nigeria With the return of the prime minister from upcountry to Lagos the government seems to have adopted a tougher line toward the week-old general strike. According to press accounts, the labor minister yesterday gave the unions a 48-hour ultimatum to call off the strike and troops began to take over key installations in the major cities.

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